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Washington, DC – Rep. Luján is encouraging New Mexicans to return their Census form in advance of the April 16, 2010 mailback date.

“Returning your Census form before the April 16 mailback deadline not only ensures that our community will have a strong voice, it will save taxpayers money,” said Rep. Luján. “I encourage New Mexicans to return their Census forms before the April 16 mailback deadline.”

It costs the government just 42 cents to receive a questionnaire back in the mail, but cost taxpayers 57 dollars if a census taker has to go out to a house to collect the same information. If every household mailed back their census form, taxpayers could reduce the cost of the census and save \$1.5 billion.

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The U.S. Census counts every resident in the United States, and is required by the Constitution to take place every 10 years. The Census will help determine how much federal funding communities receive for hospitals, job training centers, schools, senior centers, bridges, tunnels and other-public works projects, and emergency services.

For more information, visit the [2010 Census web site](#) . If you have not received a form, [call the Census' toll free help line](#)